THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The onland basins of Cauvery and West Bengal are being explored under the Intensive Integrated Exploration Pro^ gramme (HEP) as per the agreement on economic and technical cooperation between USSR and India.

Minor indication of oil reserves have been encountered in few wells in onland Cauvery basin. No commer^ cial reserves of hydrocarbons have been found in the West Bengal basin. As far as Bombay basin is concerned, *ONGC has* already established *oil* reserves of 609.9 million tonnes of oil and 498.6 billion cubic metres of gas in the Bombay Offshore basin as *n*\ 1.1.90.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) In the Cauvery and West Bengal basins the exploration is being carried out in collaboration with a Soviet Company. In the Bombay basin it is being done by ONGC alone.

(d) As per the main terms and conditions of the contract the Soviet side is to carry out seismic survey, seismic data processing and interpretation to generate drillable prospects for taking up explorating drilling, with the ob-jective of Intensive Integrated Exploration for hydrocarbons in the mutually agreed areas of the Cauvery and West Bengal basins.

(e) Apart from the exploration programme of the State Oil Companies a proposal to invite companies to explore the oil and gas in India in the Fourth Round Building to in-ciease the pace of exploration is under the consideration of Government.

Statement

The total expenditure incurred on. Exploration upto 31.3.90 in respect of Cauvery Basin, West Bengal Basin and Bombay Basin is given below: ~

(Rs. in Crores)

Exploration	*Expenditure*
(i) *Cauvery Basin:*	
Onshore	82-81
Offshore	276-49
	359-30
(ii) West Bengal Basin:	
Onshore	162-93
Offshore	74 60
	237-53
(iii) *Bombay Basin (BOP):*	*894.91* 894.91
Onshore	

The above expenditure does not include expenditure on Survey.

Protest by Delhi Unit of NSUI agr-ainst CBSE decision

27. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Unit of National Students Un ion of India staged a dharna on the 8th February, 1991 at the Prime Min ister's House demanding the with drawal of the decision of the CBSEi to the effect that all students appear ing for the Senior School Certificate Examinations have to pass in all papers, since a lot of their time was lost during the anti reservation stir; and

(b) if so, what is Government's re action thereto?

THE MINISTEB OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE) (a) and (b) A number of school students along with their guardians partcipated in a Dhama organised by the Delhi Unit of the National Students Union of India at the Prime Minister's House on February 8, 1991. They presented a Memorandum to the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education) and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for withdrawing the decision of the CBSE that the candidates appearing in the Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations conducted by the CBSB from March, 1991 would be required to pass in 5 subjects instead of 4.

2. According to the CBSE, in response to an earlier representation made by a section of Delhi School students to the CBSE in December 1990, the Examination Committee of the Board considered the demand and concluded that for academic reasons and by virtue of the fact that the students who would be appearing in the Senior Secondary school Certificate Examination in March 1991, knew for more than 1 1/2 years in advance that they would have to pass in 5 subieots instead of 4 and the schools have been teaching courses accordingly. there was no need to go back on its decision. After due examination of all aspects of the matter Government finds itself in agreement with the. nosition taken by CBSE.

Complaints against LPG distribution of Tripura

*28. SHRI NARAYAN KAR Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS De pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints from LPG consumers in Tri-pura recpived by Government during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) what are the details of action initiated against the dealers/distributors on the basis of these complaints, yearwise-, and

(c) whether there is any machinery to look into the entire distribution network in Tripura; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA); (a) The number of complaints from LPG consumers of Tripura during the last 3 years is as follows:—

Year	No. of complaints
1988-89 .	18
1989-90 .	35
1990-91 . (upto January, 1991)	5<S

(b) All the complaints are investigated and wherever the charges are established appropriate action is taken against the erring distributors in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and the dealership agreement.

(c) The field staff of the Indian Oil Corporation and Assam Oil Division of IOc monitor the distribution of LPG in the State. Besides a customer service cell also operates at the Indian area office for attending to such complaints.

Inclusion of drugs under price control

29. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Standing Commit tee appointed by his Ministry to identify the anomalies and discrepan cies in drug prices is likely to sub mit its recommendations to Govern ment;